

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s):	Ryuji BIRO	Group Art Unit:	3749
		Examiner:	Jiping LU
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For:	OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR USE IN EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND RINSING METHOD THEREFOR		

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 10, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.